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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002,
Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Substitute the following claims:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A creeper comprising opposed side rails; a pad supported
 - 2 between said side rails; and a plurality of caster assemblies rotatable on
 - 3 a vertical axis relative to said side rails and supporting said side rails;
 - 4 each of said plurality of caster assemblies including a wheel having a
 - 5 wheel body with a radial surface wherein the width of the contact
 - 6 between said radial surface and a work surface upon which the creeper
 - 7 is placed is from about 50 to about 75 percent of the maximum width of
 - 8 said wheel body.